

## Neighborhood Notes.

### TEXAS.

#### FALL CAUSED HIS DEATH.

Bud Edwards, aged 15, of Mt. Joy, Delta county, met with an odd accident on Tuesday of last week which caused his death. He and his younger brother had baited a trap and placed it in the stable to catch some rats Monday night. The next morning they rose early and made a rush for the stable to see if they had caught any rats. Each tried to get in the stable first. The younger brother reached the door first and was climbing in when Bud grabbed him and pulled him back out. The younger brother fell to the ground and the older one fell across him, his head being jerked backward, but did not strike anything hard enough to leave a mark. The younger brother crawled from under Bud and found him unconscious. He never regained consciousness and died Thursday. The younger brother was not hurt.

#### NO LEGAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

The fact has recently been discovered that there is no such office as that of district attorney in the fifty-first district. It all comes about in this way. The office of district attorney is not a constitutional office, but has to be provided for by the legislature of the state. So far, the legislature has made no provision for the office in the fifty-first district, and of course until the office is created, no person can fill the position. While the functions of the office have heretofore and are today being exercised, still there is no such office. The fact was not known until a few days ago and the credit for discovering it belongs to a San Angelo lawyer. A bill has been introduced in the legislature to create the office in this district.

#### GOING AT IT RIGHT.

The grand jury of McLennan county, which had been in session four weeks, adjourned Friday. It found 164 true bills, 36 of which are for felonies, and 128 for misdemeanors. Twenty-six of the misdemeanor indictments are against owners, lessees and occupants of houses in which it is alleged there has been gambling. Some of the indictments are against prominent business men of Waco and the action of the grand jury has knocked the wind out of them. The McLennan county grand jury men are level headed. They know that to kill a wart it must be attacked at the roots.

#### WILL GET BACK PAY.

In 1898 more than a hundred young men went out from Terrell to fight in the Spanish-American war. A large number of them were afterwards rejected at Houston. Those who were retained commenced to draw pay from the time they were accepted at Houston and those who were rejected got none. Now the adjutant general of the United States has rendered a decision to the effect that all of them are entitled to pay from the time they offered themselves to the government, whether they were rejected at Houston or not. The boys will take the necessary steps to secure the pay.

#### GIVES FREE TRANSPORTATION.

The International & Great Northern and the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railroad companies have advised Mayor Hicks of San Antonio that they will give free transportation to all mayors who desire to attend the convention of mayors to be held in the Alamo City on the 18th and 19th of this month. Experts on sanitation, street building, sewerage, etc., and some of the best legal talent in the state are expected to be present and advise the convention in their respective specialties.

#### COW ADOPTED A PIG.

This story came from Waco. Colonel Davis R. Gurley observed that a fine cow was being milked mysteriously every day and ascertained by keeping watch that she had adopted a young sow and reared every day to the hog lot, where the sow sucked her dry. Several persons saw the hog sucking the cow. Colonel Gurley's farm, where the incident occurred, is partly inside the city, on South Third street.

#### FIRST ORE FROM LIANO.

A dispatch from Austin says that the Dallas Mining & Smelting company, which has been working the Babyhead mines in Liano county, has taken out a car load of copper ore and will ship it to the El Paso smelter to get at its real value. This will be the first big shipment of ore to leave Liano county.

#### A MODERN CHICAGO.

Marriage must be a failure to more than an average extent at Paris. The divorce suits in the district court which convened there yesterday outnumber all the other cases on the civil docket put together. There are two hundred of them.

#### NEW MEXICO.

#### GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASM.

Governor Otero went to Deming to confer with people there in regard to the appointment of officers for the new county of Luna. Deming gave the governor an enthusiastic reception. In the parlors of the leading hotel the citizens held a consultation with the governor in reference to the appointments and other matters of importance to the new county. At 4 p. m. he was given a big dinner and a banquet and reception was tendered him at night. Quite a number of Silver City people were there and took part in the honors bestowed upon the governor.

#### STONE CUTTING MILL.

It is intended to build a mill at Alamogordo soon for cutting the building stone taken from the quarries there into proper size and shape for use as window sills, door steps, etc. It has now a good market and goes all over the country back east until it comes into the closest competition with the Indiana building stone and there it is

at a disadvantage, as it is not cut to the proper size and shape as the other is before sending out. The starting up of this mill will alter this and give it a fair chance for competition."

#### JUST WATCH US GROW.

El Paso is to have another big hotel. It is to be north of the plaza and will have one hundred rooms. El Paso's growth is steady and in a few years it will be twice its present size. —White Oaks Eagle.

### ARIZONA.

#### BURT ALVORD AGAIN.

A message received in Bisbee Friday morning gave the information that Burt Alvord, the noted train robber, and two Yaquis were in Douglas that morning, visited a number of saloons and burned a big car at the station. The message was sent from Douglas and asked for help to give chase after the fugitives, who left toward the Chiricahua mountains. A posse of five was sent from Bisbee and another was made up and started from Tombstone. As the outlaws had only a few hours start it was thought very probably that there would be a meeting and a battle between the outlaws and vigilantes. Alvord stated at Douglas that he was willing to fight it out with the officers. It is said that he was in Tucson several hours one day previous to his appearance in Douglas.

#### BOUGHT 3000 GOATS.

W. D. Frazee has returned to Phoenix from Kingman where he bought 3000 Angora goats, which he will turn loose on the hills in the vicinity of the Arizona dam. The goats are known as the Hardy flock, because Captain Hardy started the collection of the flock. Mr. Frazee said he anticipated some objection to his taking the goats to the locality of the dam on the part of the farmers, who would fear that the goats would drink too much of the water which they want for irrigation purposes.

#### NEVER TOUCHED US.

The Phoenix Gazette says that Phoenix is the location of more handsome residences and homes than any city between Ft. Worth and Los Angeles. The writer of that stuff was born and raised in the mountains of Arizona and has never been outside of the territory. He has been told that the towns he mentions are pretty big and he naturally presumes that they have nice residences, but he has never seen El Paso nor interviewed anybody that has.

#### WHAT A WHOPPER.

Judge William H. Barnes, of Phoenix, is accused of telling that a man who was camping in the mountains in Arizona was awakened from his sleep by the music of a rattlesnake's tail. He was wrapped in a heavy dark-colored blanket and the snake sank its fangs into the blanket and could not get them out. The camper killed the snake but the blanket had turned white from terror and swelled to double its former thickness.

#### NEW APRIL FOOL.

A Tucson boy is credited with an original April fool that takes the cake. He wrote to a friend in Phoenix and as a postscript he wrote, "Look under the stamp." The recipient of the letter spent about an hour getting the stamp off and read, "Was it hard to get off?" Wouldn't that make you mad?

#### MEETING EMPEROR WILLIAM.

Capt. Evans Tells About the Good Times He Had During the Celebration at Kiel.

In the "Log of the Sailor" Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans tells of his visit to Kiel in this week's Saturday Evening Post, and in the course of it he gives his impressions of Emperor William. Below is an extract from it: "For the purpose of entertaining his naval guests the Emperor had built on the land, near Holtzau, almost at the Kiel entrance to the canal, a large ship of the line. She was full ship-rigged, had all her yards across, and her gun deck was beautifully decorated for the dinner which was given on the day following our arrival from Hamburg. When the banquet was over souvenir medals were presented to all of us, and we retired for our cigars to the upper deck, where all were presented personally to his majesty and exchanged a few pleasant words with him. I stood near him during the time he conversed with the French admiral and his officers, waiting my turn to be presented, and could not help being impressed by his manner as well as by that of the Frenchmen. They were all ideally polite, but there was, on the part of the emperor, a hearty feeling of success which I did not observe in the manner of the distinguished officers who were to sail in the early morning in company with the Russian fleet. When I was presented to him the emperor gave me a cordial handshake, and kept others waiting quite five minutes while he talked to me in the most pleasant way. He had many questions to ask me, which he said he would expect me to answer before I left Kiel. His whole manner to the American officers was most cordial."

#### A WOMAN'S AWFUL PERIL.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. J. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by W. A. Irvin & Co.

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### SUICIDE OF A YOUNG GIRL.

Separated From Her Lover She Ends Her Life—Figured in a Sensational Abduction Case, in Which She Was Carried Off By a Young Man.

Austin.—"Dear father and mother: Don't blame me for what I have done. I loved him and I told you so. I take my life by my own hands. Della."

This was the note which Della Turner, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Turner, wrote before she committed suicide at her home two and one-half miles north of Manor at 8 o'clock this morning. After placing the note on a table she shot herself through the heart with a 45-caliber six-shooter and when found was in a dying condition. She was unconscious and lived only five minutes after firing the shot of self-destruction.

When the suicide was committed the parents of the girl were out of the house. Her father was in the field plowing, he being one of the most prominent and highly-esteemed farmers in the vicinity of Manor. Her mother was not far from the house, and it was she who first reached the side of her unfortunate daughter. She attempted to revive her, but to no avail, her daughter dying without uttering a word.

Miss Turner figured in a sensational abduction case on March 6. On that day her father made complaint against Bon Perry, a young man of this city, charging him with abducting his daughter, who had been attending school here. The warrant was placed in the hands of Police Officer Gibson, who went to Milano Junction on the International and Great Northern railroad, where the couple had been detained. He brought them back to Austin, turning the girl over to her father who had been waiting here for her. Perry was taken to Justice Begley's court and bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500, which he gave.

Mr. Turner took his daughter home, where she had been up to the time she committed suicide.—Exchange.

### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Weather Bureau Monthly Meteorological Summary For El Paso, Tex., Month of March, 1901.

Mean atmospheric pressure, 29.95; highest pressure 30.28, date 15; lowest pressure 29.58, date 23; mean temperature 54; highest temperature 84, date 2; lowest temperature 30, date 20; greatest daily range of temperature 45 date 2; least daily range of temperature 18, date 24.

Mean temperature for this month in 22 years 56; average deficiency of daily mean temperature during month 2; accumulated excess of daily mean temperature since January 1, 59; average daily excess since January 1, 1; prevailing direction of wind, NW; total movement of wind 11,377 miles; maximum velocity of wind, direction, and date 58, west, 8th; total precipitation 0.47 inches; number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation 3.

Average precipitation for this month for 22 years .37 inches; total excess in precipitation during month .10 inches; accumulated excess in precipitation since January 1, .25 inches; number of clear days 18; partly cloudy days 12; cloudy days 1.

N. D. Lane, Weather Bureau.

### WHY DOES THE RHINOCEROS HAVE A HORN ON ITS NOSE?

If the question were asked—Why do the rhinoceros grow their horns upon the nose, instead of on the head, like other mammals? the answer would probably be that they require them for root-digging and such like purposes as well as for war, and the nasal position renders them more generally useful than if they were fixed on the top of the skull. At present the rhinoceros is the only quadruped which has a horn of this kind, but a study of fossil mammals shows that he is the sole survivor of a vast number of creatures whose natural weapons were built on the same general plan. In fact, in the days of the rhinoceros's early forefathers, horns of this kind were probably much more common than those such as we see on the heads of oxen, antelopes, and sheep. In the course of ages the fashion in wearing horns has undergone a radical change; but the rhinoceros, who is essentially a conservative beast, has stuck to the older method.—From "Animal Specialties" in the March Pearson's.

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